

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
3:09cr237

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 )  
 v. ) PRELIMINARY ORDER  
 ) OF FORFEITURE  
(3) JORGE OCHOA-RODRIGUEZ )

In the Bill of Indictment in this case, the United States sought forfeiture of property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a) as property that was proceeds of and/or was used to facilitate the drug crimes charged, together with any other substitute property, which would be subject to forfeiture under § 853(p).

Defendant pled guilty to Count Two in the Bill of Indictment, without a plea agreement, and was adjudged guilty of the offense charged in that count. The government has submitted an affidavit of DEA Special Agent Eric S. Lee to establish, in accordance with Rule 32.2(b)(1)(A), “the requisite nexus between the property and the offense.”

It is therefore ORDERED:

1. Based upon defendant’s plea of guilty, the United States is authorized to seize the following property, and it is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition according to law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n):

**Approximately \$13,000 in United States currency seized on December 4, 2009;**

**One Ruger P89 9mm pistol, serial number 310-94907;**

**One Ruger Model 10/22 Carbine .22 caliber rifle, serial number 125-05527;**

**One Intra Tec .22LR Tec-22 handgun, serial number 0492-57;**

**One Rossi .22LR revolver, serial number L054195;**

**One Bryco Arms .22 LR semi-automatic pistol, serial number 1060680; and**

**Any and all ammunition seized on December 4, 2009.**

2. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the government shall publish as required by law notice of this order and notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the above-listed forfeited property must file a petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier. This notice shall state that the petition shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in each of the forfeited properties and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought. The United States may, as permitted by law and to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in property that is the subject of this order of forfeiture, as a substitute for published notice.

3. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a final order and judgment of forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

Signed: August 9, 2010

  
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Robert J. Conrad, Jr.  
Chief United States District Judge 